

VRIS UPDATE

SOCIAL SECURITY CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY OF UPDATES

The SSA-3288 Consent for Release of Information/Earnings (VR), SSA-3288 Consent for Release of Information/General (VR), ESN/SSA-3288 Consent for Release/Earnings, and ESN/SSA-3288/Release of Information/General have been revised.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has mandated the revision of these forms. With the approval of SSA Nebraska VR and Easter Seals Nebraska previously modified the text on these forms to ensure Benefit Specialists and Planners had the necessary information to assist consumers in making informed decisions about going to work. However, in order to continue receiving the same SSA information Nebraska VR and Easter Seals Nebraska must immediately begin using the revised Consent for Release of Information Forms. The OMB number, SSA 3288 form reference number, and revision date footers have been removed from the previous forms.

The SSA 3288 Response Form has been removed from VRIS and will no longer be utilized by SSA to respond to requests for information. The SSA offices will immediately begin responding using the Benefits Planning Query Form (BPQY). The information included in the “other” section on the general consent for release of information form has been reformatted. It is now displayed in a format that follows SSA’s BPQY query screens. This will make it easier for SSA to generate information. Additionally, certain information in the “other” section on the general consent for release of information form has been highlighted and underscored. This is information VR and Easter Seals were previously receiving but is not reported on the BPQY form. The local SSA Office Work Incentive Liaisons will hand-write the additional information requested on the BPQY printout.

VRIS POSTING

The revised SSA 3288 Consent for Release of Information forms have been placed on VRIS and effective immediately will be required to request and receive information from SSA. The SSA 3288 Response Form has been removed from VRIS.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Office Directors should review these changes with all staff at their next Team Meeting to assure understanding and utilization of the revised forms.

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